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In re Application of:
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For: POLYOLEFIN POLYMER AND CATALYST BLEND FOR BONDING
FLUOROPOLYMERS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This response is to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2001.

Claims 1-28 have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-11 are said to be drawn to a polymeric composition, classified in class 524, subclass 107;
- II. Claims 12-26 are said to be drawn to a laminate, classified in class 428, subclass 421; and
- III. Claims 27-28 are said to be drawn to a method of making a laminate, classified in class 156, subclass 297.

Applicant hereby confirms election of Group I (i.e., claims 1-11), with traverse, and respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction.

In Group I, Applicant broadly claims a composition for bonding comprising a mixture of a melt-processable, substantially non-fluorinated polymer and a catalyst comprising a mixture of base and crown ether.

Notwithstanding that the Group I claims may not be obvious in view of the Group II, and that the Group II claims may be made by a process other than that claimed in the Group III claims, Applicant submits the inventions are so interrelated that a search of one group of claims

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